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**Recovery Implementation Task Force**  
**Friday, November 20, 2020**  
12:30pm - 3:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting link: <https://dhs.wi.zoom.us/j/99918682789?pwd=Z1RDbDdWZzVDamx0SXhwdXRFa2xodz09>

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## **MINUTES**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Members present: Maria Hanson, Joann Stephens, Tim Saubers, Kyle Wicks, Chrissy Barnard, Michael Kelly, Autumn Shaffer, Corbi Stephens, Joan Sternweis, Arah Schmidt, Meagan Sulikowski, Amanda McKaig, Cory Flynn

Members absent: Rose Barber, Lynn Bigboy

State Staff: Scott Webb, Danielle Graham-Heine, Donna Riemer

State staff absent: Theresa Kuehl

Guests: Victor Kilpatrick, Pa Kou Yang, Gaochi Vang, Sae Kim

### **Announcements**

Victor introduced himself and his role with the R&R House; a peer run respite for veterans. He mentioned R&R have a 24 hour warm line and have a capacity for 3 vets but with COVID can only house two right now. Services for vets are free and offered to any veteran around the state. Victor mentioned they had a Facebook kick off last week. Folks can take a virtual tour of R&R House via their own YouTube channel.

Tim Saubers updated the following:

- A second study session for CPS is coming up on 11/24/20 from 10:30 to 11:00 am.
- There will be a CPS community of practice on 11/30/20
- Parent Peer Specialist training begins on 12/7/20
- There will be the first of four CPS trainings for LGBTQ+ coming up soon.

Joann S said the RITF website (and other similar sites) will be migrating to the DHS website sometime between now and the January RITF meeting. Only 2 years of historical info will be available on the new site. The other 23 years of RITF history will be archived elsewhere. Joann will find out where that will be.

Joan S brought to the attention of the RITF that the Great Lakes ATTC has a Peer Recovery Center. Wondered how RITF could get more involved in that.

**Tim S also mentioned there is a six month extension to the Certified Parent Peer Specialist process.**

Maria reviewed the RITF Mission / Bob Rules of Order / Meeting Guidelines

Review minutes from last meeting. Chrissy B mentioned there were errors to some of the names of attendees listed in previous minutes. It was noted and will be corrected. Joann S moved the minutes be approved, motion seconded by Corbi. All members voted to accept the minutes. No opposed, no abstentions.

### **Exploring barriers faced by people in marginalized communities listed in GAPs Study**

- Arah asked if ½ way houses were considered as part of the provider population. Also of note during this conversation:
- Appears there is a lack of transition services for those coming out of incarceration which impacts BIPOC more than other groups. RITF will approach Kyle Wicks and Alice Pauser to explore this further.
- Tim S asked about the true scope of RITF and if letter writing is a part of this scope.
- Donna R mentioned there is a lack of tobacco treatment in GAP study.
- Maria noted the anti-trans climate in Wisconsin in the past 4 years – discussed ways to advocate for this group- legislation, policies, etc.
- Joann S noted in page 95 of GAPS study the law enforcement's response to those in MH crisis- can be very traumatizing. Should peers be involved along with social workers to non-violent police calls? Joann said SAMHSA is currently redefining what is a crisis
- Tim mentioned nonconsensual active rescue issue and the need to challenge gender-specific treatment services as trans, non-binary, etc. people are excluded. Tim noted "Intersecting spaces of advocacy" as an area for RITF to look at.
- Gaochi expanded on Tim's position to say we need to acknowledge intersectionality of race too. All inclusiveness to all ethnic groups. She also pointed out that we need to be intentional about what we want- need to build trust. Communities know themselves just need resources. She said BIPOC people sometimes end up fighting each other for scarce resources.
- Sae said we need to show up and keep showing up with marginalized groups of people. Show up as an ally, build trust over time.
- Gaochi asked why are there gaps in the first place? WE are the gaps! One goes to Hmong community for research. She said we can reach out to open the door for them, let them walk through but don't go with them. They know what they need.

Joann asked if a smaller GAPS workgroup be created to explore these issues further? How to move forward?

Sae suggested we could use elements from small group work on GAPS study to use as elements of a strategic plan.

Motion: Joann moved to create a smaller work group to examine GAPS study. Chrissy B seconded the motion. All approved, no opposed, no abstentions.

Joann will send a doodle poll to RITF to gather names of interested parties. Members and non-members will be welcome. First meeting will be 90 minutes in length.

Break

## **Committee Reports**

Executive Committee (Maria) - Question: should the brave space poem be incorporated and read at the beginning of each RITF meeting as way to root the ideas into each meeting. Tim S said reading the poem was performative and not necessary.

Joan said the poem could part of a evaluative comment at the conclusion of meetings: How did we do today? How comfortable were we?

Motion was made to read poem at end of RITF meeting by Arah. Motion was seconded by Amanda. Members voted to approve motion. No opposed, no abstentions.

Membership Committee (Amanda)

Introduction of new member Kyle Wicks. Any questions regarding membership can be directed to Joan or Amanda.

Program Review & Quality Enhancement (PRQE) Committee (Chrissy & Arah)

Letter support audio only telehealth services. Susie from Waukesha County joined meeting as did TJ and Tracy from the Waukesha CCS Friendships Program. There was discussion of expansion of CPS training and wondered if more training will be made available to tribes? Looking to write a letter to BPTR to investigate ways for other stakeholders to invest in training.

Letter of support written to Division of Medicaid. At the next meeting there will be a presentation of Hub and Spoke Manitowoc Treatment Centers.

Training and Education (TE) Committee (Kyle)

Another Co-Chair is needed for the committee

Kyle reported the TE Committee discussed in depth implementation science and what would be considered a usable innovation – a lot of brainstorming went on. Discussed having Scott Caldwell return in January meeting to facilitate a discussion and exploration of how TE committee and RITF would identify what a usable innovation should be to focus on?

CPSAC Report Out (Corbi)

- Tim Saubers new co-chair
- 5 open seats due to turnover
- 8 additional seats open next Spring.
- Next meeting is 2/12/21

Discussion of Implementation Science

Revisited having Scott C return in January to provide Imp Science overview for entire RITF. Plan is to approach Scott C to see if he is available to meet with TE committee and RITF in January 2021. Encouraged members to watch Scot's Imp Science presentation from MHSU conference to learn more about process. Joan said what the joint initiatives vs. committee initiatives are and that imp science may

help with strategic planning.

Recap action items – identify and list who is doing what

- Joann S. to approach Scott Caldwell about attending Jan RITF and TE committee meetings.
- Joann will set up a few meetings for RITF Members to review the GAPS study and bring findings to the next meeting.

A. 3:20 p.m.

Next agenda items/ public comment Nothing noted.

B. 3:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting was adjourned early at 3:11 pm by Maria Hanson.

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To transform Wisconsin mental health and substance abuse services to embody recovery, hope, dignity and empowerment throughout the lifespan, in partnership with the DHS-DCTS-BPTR.